

Second Chief Cheryl McClellan’s Input

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	FY 2013 Health Priorities
	Health / Problem
1	Behavioral Health / ASA / MH / Domestic-Family Violence
2	Diabetes - (Chronic Diseases)
3	Cancer
4	Health Promotion / Disease Prevention / Obesity
5	Heart Disease / Stroke / Cardiovascular
6	Maternal Child Health - (Child Adolescent)
7	Dental
8	Injuries / Injury Prevention
9	Elder Health
10	Long Term Care

I feel it is important to represent BHHC and the Shawnee service area at the national level because we are ‘fighting’ over health dollars that service 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. A specific point of discussion with the Alaska Natives and the Portland service area is a change the “formula” for distribution of funds. Right now, BHHC is allocated funds for each tribal member, regardless of where that tribal member receives health care. Alaska Natives and the Portland service area want to change the formula so that the health facility receives funds for the patients they serve. This could greatly decrease the funding BHHC receives. It also places more emphasis on “customer service”, where our staff makes patients want to return to BHHC rather than go elsewhere for health care.

I’m sure you have heard of H.R.3962 - Affordable Health Care for America Act signed by President Obama on June 24, 2010, which is to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending. On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law a comprehensive health care reform bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), reauthorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act which will modernize the Indian health care system and improve health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. These are just two laws that impact Indian health care. I feel it is important to keep the needs, issues, and concerns of the SFN in the forefront of the discussions as these and other Federal laws are implemented. Implementation details are still being worked out in most cases, and hopefully the changes will be transparent to the users of BHHC and other health care facilities.

I will not be attending IHS Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux’s, first Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation Summit on the Affordable Care Act, scheduled July 6-7, 2011, in Bethesda, Maryland. My daughter, LyndeeJon McClellan, is Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Princess and I want to be home at the powwow!

Housing

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation have been diligently working to close past audit findings from the years 2000 through 2006. The lessons learned from these past audit findings is that the Business Committee, the Commissioners, the Housing staff, and the tenants of SFN Housing MUST follow documented procedures and HUD regulations. Sometimes tribal members feel as though there is too much documentation, too much paperwork, and too much time delay before services can be rendered. If Federal funds are received by SFN to do “something”, those funds MUST be spent on that “something” and ALL the regulations and documented procedures must be followed. If not, then the dollars must be returned to the Federal government. The Business Committee and the HASFN Commissioners are working with

US Department of Housing and Urban Development to come to an agreement on these past audit findings.

Transportation

The needs and issues of the Alaska Natives, the Navajo Nation, and the large land-based tribes are forcing other tribes, including the SFN, to speak up at the national level. If the large land-based tribes succeed in changing the “formula”, most of the roads on the Indian Reservation Roads inventory in OK will be disallowed. This means potentially a great deduction in our portion of funding for road improvements for the SFN and the 3 counties in our jurisdiction. National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) is the recognized ‘voice’ of Indian Country to the US lawmakers in DC. I was in attendance and fortunately, because the sub-committee could not come to an agreement, there was no recommendation made at NCAI to change the Transportation formula. Currently, SFN transportation needs are being handled by SFN consultant, T. Carter, and Treasurer, R. Carter.

Tribal Water Rights

The state of OK is updating is OK Comprehensive Water Plan. I hope some of you were able to attend the citizen-input meetings held around the state within the last two years. Within the State of Oklahoma, the 39 federally-recognized tribal governments may have valid, federally-enforceable, treaty-based claims to water. So, who has ownership of and jurisdiction over water within the State’s geographic limits? That is just one of the questions that became apparent in the citizen-input and town hall meetings. On the tribal side, do we know how much water is within our jurisdiction? do we know our water usage needs for the next 50-years? do we have the means and procedures to control the water quality within our jurisdiction? There are a lot of questions that SFN needs to address in conjunction with our tribal neighbors and the other 38 tribes within our state’s borders. This is an on-going discussion that the tribes, including SFN, must push forward. Silence is acceptance. If the 39 tribes do not step forward to address the water planning issues, the state of OK will, once again, attempt to dictate to the tribes what we can and cannot do regarding our treaty-given water rights.

Tar Sands Oil

In my discussions regarding tribal water rights, I became aware of a pipeline planned to transverse the SFN jurisdiction. The Keystone Pipeline Project Phase I converted natural gas pipeline to crude oil pipeline. Phase II went into service in February 2011, extending the Keystone Pipeline from Steele City, Nebraska to Cushing. The proposed Keystone Gulf Coast Expansion Project is an approximately 1,661-mile, 36-inch crude oil pipeline that would begin at Hardisty, Alberta, through Saskatchewan, Montana, South Dakota , Nebraska, Kansas, through Oklahoma to Port Arthur, Texas. It was tribal members of Indian Country in the area of Phase I who brought forth a request for an NCAI resolution to oppose the pipeline expansion due to recorded spills and increase in cancer diagnosis in the areas

around the pipeline. I spoke as the ‘sponsor’ of this resolution and the General Assembly passed NCAI Resolution MKE-11-030, “Opposition to construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and urging the U.S. to reduce reliance on oil from tar sands and instead, to work towards cleaner, sustainable energy solutions”.

Cobell

Federal District Judge approved the Cobell settlement, a claim that for more than a century, federal officials systematically stole or squandered billions in royalties intended for American Indians in exchange for oil, gas, grazing and other leases. Elouise Cobell of Browning, Mont., will receive \$2 million, \$1.5 billion will go to at least 300,000 Indian account holders, \$1.9 billion will go to buy back and consolidate tribal land that has become subdivided and difficult to manage, \$60 million will go to a scholarship fund for Indian students, and lawyers will receive \$99 million. The lawyers had asked for approximately \$273 million. The details of tribal land consolidation are now being defined.

Department of Health and Human Services

During the first half of 2011, I found myself fortunate to be a foster home. In dealing with the tedious paperwork and regulations of DHS, I am now an advocate to improving the DHS processes. It was the SFN Indian Child Welfare program and staff that provided the extra effort to get the siblings together in a home. I offer a hearty “thank you” to those of you who assisted me by accepting my foster children as part of the SFN community. I know they will remember the feasts, dinners, egg hunt, and meetings with their SFN family.

I offer a congratulations to all the 2011 graduates, including my own daughter. From kindergarten through advanced degrees, education is something that no one can take from you. Keep learning!!

I look forward to another memorable Sac and Fox powwow. Enjoy family and friends, and be safe. And please, don’t forget to VOTE ... Thank you, Cheryl L McClellan Second Chief, Sac & Fox Nation

Sac and Fox Princesses

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the daughter of Kira Gibson of Shawnee and Jered Jones of McLoud. Grandparents are Cathrine (Bummie) Walker and Tresa Ogle. Kilee’s Sac and Fox blood line comes from her great-grandfather Willard Walker Sr’s family. Her great-grandmother is the late Henryetta Walker and the late George and Cordelia Gibson.

Kilee likes dancing tribal and non-tribal dances. She also participates in the Native American Church by singing, praying and cooking and enjoys playing basketball, softball, bowling and skating.

Kilee says, “I am thankful for winning the title, ‘Little Miss Sac and Fox Princess,’ and I will do my best to serve my Sac and Fox people proudly.” (Ke wâ yâ mene pwa!)

She currently attends McLoud Schools.

Polling Site
First Indian
Baptist Church
301 East Walnut
CUSHING,
OKLAHOMA
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.



Tegan Leeanne Fincher

Jeremy Fincher and Jessica Buckley are first time parents! Their daughter Tegan Leeanne Fincher was welcomed into this world Sunday, 5/29/2011 at 9:31 p.m. by her loving parents and extended family. Jessica Buckley, Tegan’s Grandmother Renae Buckley, Great Grandmother Mary Butler, and Great-grandfather the late Larry Butler are all Sac and Fox Tribal Members. The late Solomon Buckley is her maternal Grandfather.

Tegan’s paternal Grandparents are Annie and Roger Bennett and Monte L. Fincher. The late L.E. Daniel Jr. is her paternal Great-grandfather. She also has her Great-grandmothers Ina Lee Daniel and Betty Fincher and Great-grandfather Monte D. Fincher. We would like to thank all of the Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins for all of their love and support. We feel so happy and privileged to be able to share Tegan with such wonderful people.

NOTICE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 4 FOR INDENPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY, JULY 11 FOR NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Thank You

The Sac & Fox Nation Honor Guard organization would like to thank everyone who came out to support us during the Memorial Dance. Now we would like your support during the Annual Sac & Fox Pow-Wow. Your attendance during the dance is an enjoyment, hot, remembrance time for each who attends the dance. So we wish everyone a safe journey to the dance and a safe trip home. May our Creator look down upon everyone for their traveling mercy.

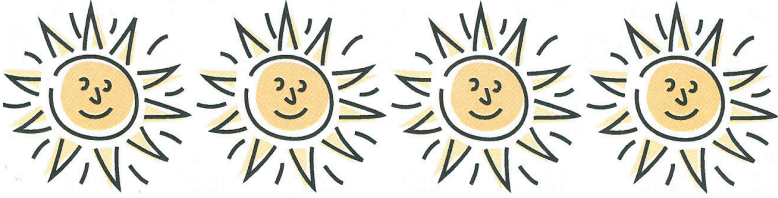
With this I also would like to take this time to thank the fellow officers and members of the Sac and Fox Honor Guard for a job well done during the Memorial Dance. I hope everyone comes out to enjoy our annual event, we as a nation have every year.

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Sac & Fox Elders Pow-wow Breakfast Social Service Building

(Follow the Signs)



Saturday & Sunday Morning

8:30 ----- 11:00

\$5.00

Eggs & Hash Browns
Bacon & Sausage
Pancakes
Biscuits & Gravy
Milk & Juice

Don’t cook, come eat with us

